

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I was a student in Labour Studies at Athabasca University and still will be after this election cycle is done.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in the riding most my life with brief stints outside of it for school or extended travel. About 33 out of my 37 years of life have been in Ottawa West Nepean.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I work with a host of different social justice movements to advocate for better housing, higher minimum wages and improvements to labour laws

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

Figuring out, in Marx, the truth about surplus value – ie. that all wealth is generated by labour and that capitalists skim off whatever they don't spend on wages etc., call it profit and pat themselves on the back for such blatant exploitation – has been a real trip. Beyond that, Martin Luther King's short bit on being "[proud to be maladjusted](#)" remains a favourite after many years.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

Vladimir Lenin was a real one.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Housing and Jobs. In my section of Ottawa West-Nepean (Carlington) there is a large amount of poverty and lack of adequate housing. We advocate for a full employment plan, a \$20 minimum wage and a 32h work week with no loss in final take home pay. We also advocate building one million units of social housing (actual social housing, enough with P3's) along with rent controls that would ensure that nobody pays more than 20% of their income on rent.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

First, many Canadians are right to be disillusioned with politics as it has traditionally been done in this country. Typically, money talks in our society and anything that could challenge it is swallowed up in the noise. If you're justifiably angry about Canadian political culture the choice can't be anyone in the capitalist parties but fundamental change at the very heart of our society in how we collectively produce and provide the necessities of life for every single person in Canada and globally. Man-made climate catastrophe and the reassertion of right-wing populist and fascist movements around the world, including Canada, means there is no time to dither about with anything less.